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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Prices were unchanged in New York. Elsewhere, weekly prices were lower on all sizes when compared to previous week values. Trade sentiment was cautiously steady to about steady beginning the week. Demand was light to at times good, best where features a factor. Supplies ranged adequate to ample for current needs. Breaking stock demand was light to moderate for sufficient to ample offerings. Light type fowl were at least adequate for the fair to fairly good demand.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MIDWEST REGIONAL Midwest warehouse delivered prices were lower for all sizes. Other reported prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was about steady as the market attempts to settle. Cartoned egg sales were mostly moderate. Loose egg demand was moderate to at times fairly good. Supplies were fully adequate.

	RANGE	MOSTLY	IA-MN-WI - Prices paid to producers.	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	51-60	55-57	LARGE	34-41	36
LARGE	51-59	53-56	MEDIUM	16-20	18
MEDIUM	33-39	36-38	SMALL	10-12	

MIDWEST AREA: IA, IL, IN, KY, MI, MN, OH, NE, ND, SD, WI, WV, Western NY, and Western PA

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were lower on all sizes when compared to previous week's values. Trade sentiment was about steady. Demand into all channels was light to instances good. Offerings were fully adequate to available. Breaking stock supplies were fully adequate to ample for the light and unaggressive demand. Spent hens were at least adequate for slaughter requirements.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	59-73	59-63
LARGE	53-67	58-62
MEDIUM	35-48	40-42

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, eastern NJ, eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL Prices were lower for all sizes. Trade sentiment was about steady as the market attempts to settle. Retail and food service demand was mostly moderate. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate for current needs. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were adequate for the light to moderate demand. Floor stocks balanced to fully adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady to instances barely steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	61.5-70	63-66
LARGE	57.5-66	59-62
MEDIUM	39.5-48	41-44

SOUTH CENTRAL AREA: AR, AZ, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, and TX

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were lower on all sizes when compared to last week's values. The market tone was cautiously steady beginning the week. Retail demand was light to moderate. Supplies were fully adequate for present trade needs. Breaking stock supplies were fully sufficient to ample for the light demand. Light type hens were at least adequate for the fair to fairly good demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	55.5-69.25	57-60
LARGE	54-65.25	55-58
MEDIUM	35.5-45.25	36-40

SOUTHEAST AREA: AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, eastern TN, and southern VA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

NEW YORK Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was cautiously steady. Retail demand was light to moderate, with limited feature activity noted. Supplies were sufficient for current trade needs.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	67-71
LARGE	65-69
MEDIUM	47-51

CHICAGO & MIDWEST EGGS Prices declined 4 cents on all sizes from previous week. The market tone was mostly steady. Retail and Food service demand was light to moderate, best where features are a factor. Offerings were adequate.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	57-65	59-61
LARGE	56-64	57-60
MEDIUM	40-47	41-43

WESTERN Prices 3-4 cents lower on all sizes. The Pacific region inventory was 11% lower than last week with California down 15% and Oregon-Washington-Utah down 1%. Retailer demand moderate to fairly good. Offerings fully adequate.

CALIFORNIA Prices 4 cents lower on all sizes. The California inventory was 15% lower than last week. Retailer demand fairly good. Offerings easily adequate. Small benchmark price 53. Ads and prices to consumers in Northern California were not available.

California Egg Marketing Association and other marketers benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

	RANGE
JUMBO	108
EXTRA LARGE	100
LARGE	91
MEDIUM	73

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA		NORTHERN CALIFORNIA	
	RANGE		RANGE
JUMBO	279-349	JUMBO	
EXTRA LARGE	219-309	EXTRA LARGE	NOT AVAILABLE
LARGE	199-239	LARGE	
MEDIUM	199-205	MEDIUM	

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending July 16, 2004 will decrease by 1 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending July 09, 2004 were 242,379 cases which was 19 percent above the prior week and 0 percent below estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	207,291	35,088	242,379

% change from the prior week.....

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
% change from the prior week.....	+24	-4	+19

Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 14 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK Prices were unchanged. Offerings were adequate for the light to moderate demand. Floor stocks balanced to fully adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady to instances barely steady.

Prices in cents per dozen, delivered to breakers, 48 lb. minimum net weight per 30 dozen case, eggs from table egg layers. Packaging may vary.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	38-42	40
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	26-32	26-28

CENTRAL STATES AREA: AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was at least moderate for the generally adequate offerings. Processing schedules were reported as normal to instances heavy. Supplies of finished product were well cleared. The undertone was at least steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 12-JUL-04

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6.25-15	9.5-10.5	10.26
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING		TOO FEW TO REPORT	
FOB PLANT		TOO FEW TO REPORT	

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Trading levels were generally unchanged from the past week. Demand was easily serviced by adequate supplies of spent hens from production areas. Schedules were normal. Finished sales were fair. Trade sentiment was steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 12-JULY-04

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6-13	9.75-10.25	10.05

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM JUL 12, 2004

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/ 2/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO	SO	SO	5-Area		
		Northeast	CENT	CENT	Atl	Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	13.2	20.7	6.8	9.7	9.5	59.9
	Change	-1.1	-6.7	0.0	-0.9	-1.0	-14%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	19.6	40.6	13.6	21.2	29.6	124.6
	Change	-4.0	-14.6	4.1	-1.5	-6.3	-15%
Large	Curr Wk	44.7	112.5	63.2	91.0	86.9	398.3
	Change	0.6	-26.6	4.4	-11.9	-11.0	-10%
Medium	Curr Wk	19.7	44.5	15.3	35.0	30.5	145.0
	Change	-0.7	2.4	3.1	3.2	-1.6	5%
Small	Curr Wk	11.9	7.2	1.4	7.3	6.1	33.9
	Change	2.1	-0.2	-0.4	1.8	-1.4	6%
Misc	Curr Wk	4.5	35.4	8.0	24.4	5.3	77.6
	Change	-1.8	5.7	-1.1	8.4	-0.3	16%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	11.8	60.4	23.1	27.4	26.3	149.0
	Change	1.6	9.0	1.5	-15.2	-1.7	-3%
Total	Curr Wk	125.4	321.3	131.4	216.0	194.2	988.3
Percent	Change	-3%	-9%	10%	-7%	-11%	-6%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	988.3	-6%	170
Shell Egg Breaking Stock 2/	265.2	10%	35
Total Shell Egg	1,253.5	-3%	205

1/ Information supplied by a universe of 170 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

Northeast- CT, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT
North Central - IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI
South Central - AR, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX
South Atlantic - AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, WV
Pacific- AZ, CA, ID, MT, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY

CANADIAN EGGS

MONTREAL: WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE TO RETAILERS (CANADIAN CENTS) GRADED IN CARTONS, AS REPORTED BY CANADA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 28, 2004

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	2.03	2.00	1.91	1.16

MINIMUM PRODUCER PRICES FOB FARM FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING JUNE 28, 2004 AS ESTABLISHED BY ONTARIO EGG AND FOWL PRODUCERS MARKETING BOARD.

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	1.57	1.57	1.47	.77

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES — DAILY WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR JULY 09, 2004

CURRENT LOADS								FUTURE LOADS								TOTAL LOADS							
16.50								17.00								33.50							
		SE		NE		MW		LOADS				SC		NW		SW		LOADS					
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST		CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST									
GNR W 1	36.00	—	37.00	38.00	—	—	4.00	GL W J	51.00	53.00	—	—	—	—	—	.50							
GNR W 4	—	—	—	—	26.00	28.50	1.00	GL W XL	51.00	54.20	—	—	—	54.60	8.25								
GL W J	—	—	—	65.00	61.00	—	1.00	GL W LG	48.00	—	—	—	—	53.56	5.75								
GL W XL	—	—	50.00	52.50	45.86	—	17.00	GL W MD	37.00	—	—	—	—	41.00	.25								
GL W LG	—	—	—	—	43.36	—	7.00																
GL W MD	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.25																

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES — WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 07/05/04-07/09/04

CURRENT LOADS 63.00								FUTURE LOADS 54.50								TOTAL LOADS 117.50							
SE			NE		MW			LOADS	SC			NW		SW									
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	CLASS		ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS								
GNR W 1	37.75	41.00	37.00	39.40	—	—	13.00	GL W J	51.00	53.00	—	—	—	—	.50								
GNR W 3	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00	GL W XL	49.33	54.20	—	57.00	—	55.38	13.50								
GNR W 4	—	—	—	—	26.00	28.50	1.00	GL W LG	46.75	—	—	56.00	—	54.24	12.75								
GNR BR 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00	GL W MD	34.33	—	—	37.52	—	39.07	13.50								
GL W J	—	—	—	67.00	63.00	—	2.00	NRBS - 48	35.50	—	—	—	—	—	3.00								
GL W XL	—	50.86	51.00	52.03	46.24	48.13	55.75	NRBS - 39	32.00	—	—	—	—	36.00	2.00								
GL W LG	—	—	52.00	51.50	43.77	—	16.00	NRBS - 36	28.00	31.50	—	—	—	—	2.00								
GL W MD	32.00	—	30.50	32.67	28.36	—	15.25																
GL W SM	—	—	28.17	30.33	—	—	3.00																
NRBS - 48	—	39.33	—	—	43.50	40.00	18.00																
NRBS - 42	—	—	—	—	28.00	30.50	1.00																
NRBS - 39	—	—	26.00	29.25	26.00	28.00	5.00																

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT - MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED.

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS (In Thousands)

ON HAND	07/05/04	06/28/04	07/07/03
PACIFIC COAST	294	372	65
LOS ANGELES	245	323	48

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS The market is lower on all sizes. Supplies are adequate. Retail demand is fair to fairly good.

PRICES WEIGHTED AVERAGE, IN SMALL LOTS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, NEARBY RETAIL OUTLET, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	76.63
LARGE	71.63
MEDIUM	53.63
SMALL	48.00

CERTIFIED ORGANIC EGGS IN CARTONS

(price per carton delivered to first receivers)

Brown Eggs	CENTS/CARTON	MOSTLY
Extra Large doz.	222 – 260	239 - 240
1/2 doz.	123 – 151	130 - 134
Large doz.	217 – 250	225 - 230
1/2 doz.	125 – 142	128 - 133

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OUT OF STATE EGGS - STATE COMPILATION

Report Date: 7/07/2004

Report Period: 6/13/2004 - 6/19/2004

State	# Cases Shipped To Northern CA	# Cases Shipped To Central CA	# Cases Shipped To Southern CA	Total State
Arkansas	0	0	810	810
Colorado	0	0	3,918	3,918
Indiana	0	780	667	1,447
Iowa	5,324	8,400	56,283	70,007
Michigan	0	0	5,202	5,202
Minnesota	3,670	810	4,530	9,010
Missouri	0	0	5,094	5,094
Nevada	0	0	990	990
Ohio	0	0	3,790	3,790
Oregon	2,771	727	0	3,498
South Dakota	783	0	504	1,287
Texas	0	0	2,248	2,248
Utah	0	990	10,230	11,220
TOTAL	12,548	11,707	94,266	118,521
SHIPPED TO				
MILITARY	0	0	0	0
SHIPPED TO				
NONMILITARY	12,548	11,707	94,266	118,521

OUT OF STATE EGGS - STATE COMPILATION

Report Date: 7/09/2004

Report Period: 6/20/2004 - 6/26/2004

State	# Cases Shipped To Northern CA	# Cases Shipped To Central CA	# Cases Shipped To Southern CA	Total State
Arizona	0	0	1,992	1,992
Arkansas	0	0	800	800
Colorado	0	1,824	3,344	5,168
Illinois	0	0	660	660
Indiana	0	0	990	990
Iowa	3,047	10,875	34,168	48,090
Michigan	0	0	3,526	3,526
Minnesota	5,625	0	3,520	9,145
Missouri	0	0	6,816	6,816
Montana	0	0	495	495
Nevada	0	0	540	540
North Carolina	780	0	0	780
Ohio	0	940	2,401	3,341
Oregon	2,740	7	730	3,477
South Dakota	0	0	0	0
Texas	0	0	2,690	2,690
Utah	903	720	9,802	11,425
TOTAL	13,095	14,366	72,474	99,935
SHIPPED TO				
MILITARY	0	0	0	0
SHIPPED TO				
NONMILITARY	13,095	14,366	72,474	99,935

PROCESSED EGGS: Monthly Inventory U.S. Dried Eggs (2nd Fri)

AS OF JUNE 30, 2004

COMPARISONS ON THE BASIS OF MATCHED PLANTS

CLASS	NUMBER OF POUNDS	% CHANGE LAST MONTH	% CHANGE LAST YEAR
WHOLE			
PLAIN	1,661,275	9	4
FREE FLOWING	4,597,757	40	26
BLEND	1,614,977	1	-4
WHITE			
(ALBUMEN)	4,404,647	15	-28
BLEND	98,600	9	-27
YOLK			
PLAIN	2,019,829	-16	7
BLEND	40,737	24	-57
FREE FLOWING (W/SODIUM SILICO ALUMINATE)	4,578,041	23	-6
TOTAL	19,015,863	15	-5

DRIED EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION:

MAY 30, 2004 - JUNE 26, 2004

TOTAL 11,766,000 POUNDS.

Calculations were adjusted to represent matched plants from current month compared to previous month, and current month compared to previous year. Subsequently, the percent change calculations may be based on different cooperators if directly compared with data on previous reports.